

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the present Abstract of the Disclosure with the following, amended

Abstract of the Disclosure:

A developer carrier ~~for carrying a developer, the developer carrier comprises~~includes: an opposing region that opposes a latent image-carryable region on an image carrier, and a solid portion that is solid at an end portion of the developer carrier in a longitudinal direction ~~thereof~~ the developer carrier; wherein an. An end of the solid portion, which is on a side of a center of the developer carrier in the longitudinal direction, is located closer to the center of the developer carrier than an edge of the opposing region.